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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2004 in the above-identified patent application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.111, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks intended to put this application in condition for allowance. This paper is filed concurrently with a request for a 3-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), making the new response deadline December 3, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$980.00 for a 3-month extension of time set forth 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 50-0268. No additional fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers filed herewith to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.